

REMARKS:

Claims 17 and 18 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 7-14 are herein canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 19-28 are newly added. Claims 1-3, 6, 15 and 16 are amended as indicated in the preceding pages. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification at least at page 7, line 13-page 10, line 12. No new matter is added.

In view of the above-mentioned claim amendments, claims 1-6, 15, 16 and 19-28 are currently pending with claims 1, 6, 15, 16, 26, 27 and 28 being independent claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter or as falling outside of the statutory categories. *See pp. 2-3 of the Office Action*. The Examiner rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being unclear. *See p. 4 of the Office Action*. It is believed that the amendments to the claims should address the Examiner's concerns. Similarly, the cancellation of claims 8-13 should render the Examiner's rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as moot.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 6-11 and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Benq Corporation (AWL-100 User Manual, referred to hereinafter as "*Benq*"). *See pp. 4-5 of the Office Action*. The Examiner rejected claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Fleming et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0158952, referred to hereinafter as "*Fleming*"). *See pp. 5-7 of the Office Action*. In view of the claim amendments presented herein, these rejections are respectfully disagreed with and are traversed below.

Amended claim 1 recites:

A computer-implemented method comprising:

 sending a service search request from a first device to a second device; and
 receiving, from the second device, a response message comprising a user-friendly name for the second device.

With regard to *Benq*, it is submitted that *Benq* does not disclose or suggest a service discovery procedure, such as one wherein a service search request is sent from a first device to a second device. Instead, on page 13 *Benq* discloses scanning available access points. The information described by *Benq* may readily be obtained from a broadcast from the access point, for example. *Benq* does not disclose or suggest "sending a service search request" to the access points, nor does *Benq* disclose or suggest "receiving... a response message comprising a user-friendly name for the second device," as recited in claim 1. *Benq* does not disclose or suggest the use of any messaging procedure or messages. *Benq* does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1. Claim 1 is patentable over *Benq* and should be allowed.

With regard to *Fleming*, it is submitted that *Fleming* does not disclose or suggest "receiving, from the second device, a response message comprising a user-friendly name for the second device," as recited in claim 1. The names disclosed by *Fleming* are all in relation to a service. *Fleming* does not disclose or suggest obtaining "a user-friendly name for the second device," as recited in claim 1. Claim 1 is patentable over *Fleming* and should be allowed.

The features recited in claim 1 are not disclosed or suggested in the cited art. Neither *Benq* nor *Fleming* can be seen to anticipate claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable and should be allowed.

Though dependent claims 2-5 and 19-25 contain their own allowable subject matter, these claims should at least be allowable due to their dependence from allowable claim 1.

It is briefly noted that newly-added claim 19 recites: "A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the response message further comprises a service name for a service identified in the service search request." It is submitted that neither *Benq* nor *Fleming* discloses or suggests a single response message that includes both "a user-friendly name for the second device" (claim 1) and "a service name for a service identified in the service search request" (claim 19).

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Independent claims 6, 15, 16, 26, 27 and 28 claim similar features as claim 1 noted above. For the same reasons stated above with respect to claim 1, independent claims 6, 15, 16, 26, 27 and 28 are not anticipated by *Benq* or *Fleming*. Therefore, claims 6, 15, 16, 26, 27 and 28 are also patentable and should be allowed.

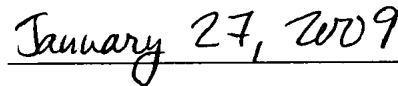
The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and remove the rejections of claims 1-6, 15 and 16 and to allow all of the pending claims 1-6, 15, 16 and 19-28 as now presented for examination. For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record. Should any unresolved issue remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' agent at the telephone number indicated below.

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